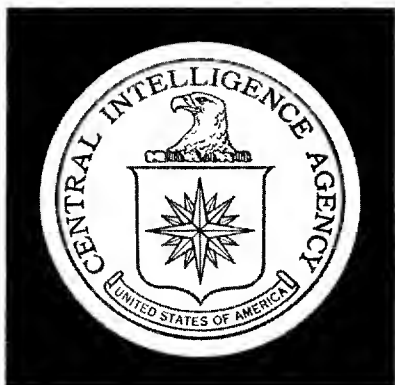


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Communist China - Hong Kong: The Communists in the colony are attempting to mobilize the Chinese population in support of their demands.

The Communist-dominated trade union federation has organized a "struggle committee" in an effort to broaden its base of support for the political attack against the government. In line with this policy they have enlarged the scope of the demonstrations which have now spread to a wide area of Kowloon and to Hong Kong Island. A succession of Communist delegations appeared at Government House yesterday, presented a copy of the demands served on the British in Peking, and attempted to provoke the police.



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Moderate elements in the colony have denounced the demonstrations and have appealed for a return to law and order. The business community is cautious, and no pronounced economic trend has yet emerged. The price of commercial gold has risen only slightly during the past week and quotations for US dollars show no marked change.



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The Chinese, meanwhile, are continuing to exert pressure on the British in Peking. Demonstrations continued outside the British Embassy, and a large rally to protest alleged British "atrocities" in Hong Kong is scheduled to be held in the Chinese capital today.



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Britain-Spain: Madrid has rejected London's latest move to ease the dispute over Gibraltar.

In an exchange of notes yesterday, Spain refused a British request to discuss Spanish restrictions on civil air access to Gibraltar. According to press reports, Britain wants to raise the problem of restrictions once again in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), even though Madrid holds that ICAO has no jurisdiction. The Spanish said they would deal with the restrictions only as part of general talks on decolonizing the territory.

Meanwhile, British civil aircraft will try to comply with the Spanish restrictions on flight approaches into Gibraltar, and when flying in bad weather will be diverted to other airfields rather than make "major infringements" of the prohibited zone. New instructions to the British pilots permit "minor infringements" to meet safety requirements.

London is concerned that Spain may impose even harsher restrictions, beginning with denial of air control facilities to civil flights en route to Gibraltar.

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Venezuela: President Leoni believes that any anti-Castro resolutions adopted by the Organization of American States will be ineffective unless backed by more direct measures.

He suggested to Ambassador Bernbaum on 16 May that the United States impress on the Soviet Union the gravity and danger of Cuba's actions and try to get the USSR to intervene with Castro. At the same time, Venezuela would let the USSR know "categorically" that relations cannot be considered so long as the USSR supports Castro. He also urged that American unions be encouraged to boycott shipping lines doing business with Cuba and that firms trading with Cuba be black-listed.

While urging that these measures be taken, Leoni expressed doubt that Cuban intervention in Latin America can be prevented.

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